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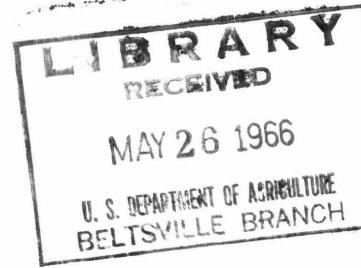
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ON LEAFY VEGETABLES

How To Control Them

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Aphids, often called plant lice, are small, soft-bodied insects that suck juice from plants. They are present wherever crops are grown.

Aphids cause heavy losses to growers of leafy vegetables by—

- Reducing vigor and yield of plants.
- Contaminating edible parts.
- Transmitting destructive virus diseases of plants.
- Killing plants, if infestation is heavy.

Most species of aphids are about $\frac{1}{16}$ inch long. Species differ in color.

Some individuals of most species have wings; others do not.

Male aphids are rare. Females of all species give birth to living

young in the summer. When cold weather approaches, females of most species mate and lay eggs. Females live about a month, and produce 80 to 100 young.

KINDS OF APHIDS

Several species of aphids attack leafy vegetables.

Green Peach Aphid

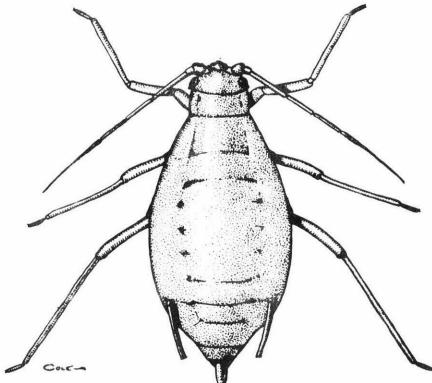
The green peach aphid,¹ known also as the spinach aphid and the tobacco aphid, is about the size of a cabbage seed. Both wingless and winged types are yellowish green or pinkish green; the winged type is darker.

This aphid feeds on many plants. It is most destructive to spinach, beets, celery, lettuce, and chard. It

¹ *Myzus persicae*.

also causes some injury to cabbage and related cole crops, dandelion, endive, mustard greens, parsley, and turnip.

It spreads several virus diseases of plants, including beet mosaic, beet yellows (which also attacks spinach), and lettuce mosaic.



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Green peach aphid, wingless form.

In the Southern States, in Arizona and California, and in extreme western Oregon and Washington, nearly all green peach aphids are females that deposit their young without mating. Reproduction takes place throughout the year. As many as 30 generations a year occur in the extreme South.

Continuous reproduction by unmated females, and overwintering of this form of the insect, occur as far north as warmer parts of New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Oklahoma, and in at least one area in Washington.

In these and colder areas, males and egg-laying females also develop in the fall. This aphid survives the winter only in the egg stage in areas

where the average annual minimum temperature is 0° F. or below. Eggs are laid mostly on peach, wild plum, and cherry trees. They hatch in the spring, and the young aphids feed where the eggs were laid. New broods develop and spread to vegetables and other host plants.

Cabbage Aphid

The cabbage aphid² is found throughout the United States. It is distinguished from other species by a powdery, waxy covering over its body. Color is grayish green.

This aphid feeds primarily on cabbage, cauliflower, collards, broccoli, kale, and other cole crops. It seldom damages mustard or turnips.

In the Southern States, 30 or more generations of females, both winged and wingless, are produced throughout the year. In colder climates, males and females occur in the fall; they mate and the females lay eggs that survive the winter. Eggs of this

² *Brevicoryne brassicae*.

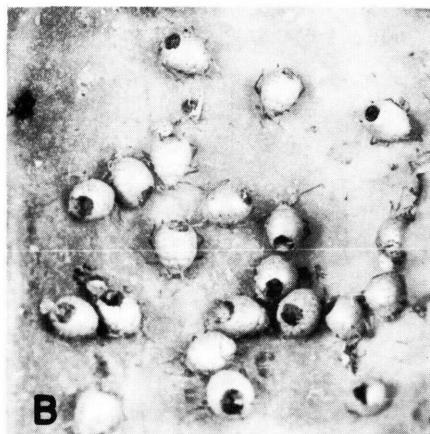


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Cabbage plant injured by cabbage aphids.

**A**

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**B**

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Cabbage aphids: A, Several near center of picture have been killed by a parasitic insect, have lost their powdery covering, and have become shiny tan; B, bodies of aphids after emergence of the parasites through the circular openings.

aphid usually are laid on the residues of host crops that have been left in the field.

Turnip Aphid

The turnip aphid³ is also called the turnip louse and the false cabbage aphid.

This aphid resembles the cabbage aphid, but does not have a waxy body covering. It is pale green. The winged form has black spots, a black head, and transparent wings marked by black veins.

The turnip aphid is widely distributed in the United States and causes heavy losses to growers, especially in the South. It feeds chiefly on turnip, mustard, and radish plants. It also injures other crucifers, particularly in their seedling stage.

Full-grown females give birth to

50 to 100 young during their reproductive period of 20 to 30 days. In the Gulf Coast region as many as 46 generations have been observed in a year.

The habits of this insect are similar to those of the cabbage aphid, except that egg laying is rare.

Other Aphids

The bean aphid⁴ ranges in color from dark olive-green to black. It has been found on beets in Arizona, and on beets and chard in other sections. It is not usually a serious pest of other leafy vegetables.

The bean aphid passes the winter in the North as eggs on species of euonymus, and to a limited extent on snowball and deutzia. Little is known of its life history in the South, but probably successive generations

³ *Hyadaphis pseudobrassicae*.

⁴ *Aphis fabae*.



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Macrosiphum ambrosiae, an aphid that attacks lettuce and endive plants.

of females are produced there throughout the year. A common weed, dock, is a favored host.

Macrosiphum ambrosiae is the scientific name of a large reddish aphid that damages lettuce in eastern Virginia, coastal South Carolina, and southern Texas. In eastern Virginia it feeds on endive plants.

An aphid known as *Macrosiphum barri* damages lettuce in Arizona, California, and some of the other western States.

The potato aphid,⁵ which occurs in both green and pink colors, attacks spinach at times in the fall in Virginia.

NATURAL CONTROLS

Sometimes natural controls hold down the aphid population. Other insects that kill aphids are important natural controls. Fungus diseases and certain weather conditions also help destroy aphids.

⁵ *Macrosiphum euphorbiae*.

Insects That Kill Aphids

Both parasitic and predatory insects help keep aphids in check.

Four-winged, wasplike insects parasitize aphids. The females lay eggs in the bodies of aphids; when the eggs hatch, the larvae feed on the aphids.

The parasites reproduce rapidly under favorable conditions. Usually they become abundant during spring and early summer.

The predatory insects that feed on aphids are lady beetles, soldier bugs, assassin bugs, and the larvae of lady beetles, syrphid flies, and green lacewings. They are most active during summer and fall.

If inspection shows that insect enemies are present, do not apply an insecticide unless the aphids begin to increase. Insecticides also kill the insects that kill aphids. Then, aphids that survive multiply rapidly, and repeated applications of insecticide become necessary.

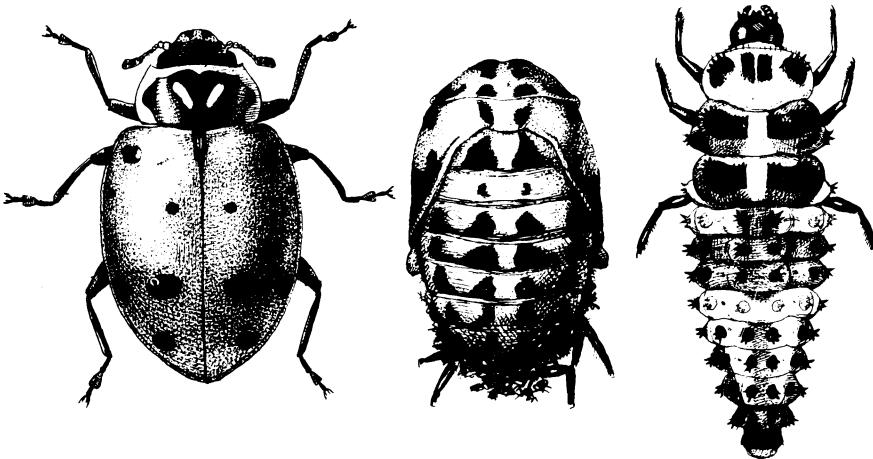
Diseases

Fungus diseases sometimes kill aphids. However, this seldom happens before the aphids have become numerous and caused considerable damage.

Aphids killed by a fungus change shape and turn tan or light brown. Sometimes the fungus attaches them to the plant.

Weather

Aphids are sensitive to weather conditions. Hard, driving rains kill large numbers of some species. Damp weather favors the development of diseases that kill aphids.



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Adult, pupa, and larva of lady beetle—a beneficial insect.

Aphids reproduce most rapidly at moderate temperatures. High temperatures are unfavorable to the kinds of aphids that attack leafy vegetables.

- Plant seed in drills, to facilitate cultivation and application of insecticide.
- Apply a nitrogenous fertilizer (20 to 30 pounds of nitrogen per

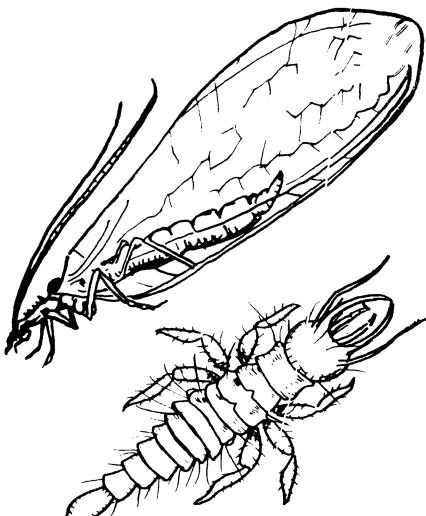
CONTROL MEASURES

You can control aphids by following cultural practices that keep the insects in check, and by applying insecticide.

Cultural Practices

These cultural practices insure better crops, and help keep aphids under control.

- Start with a well-prepared, fertile seedbed.
- Do not plant on land from which a similar aphid-infested crop has been recently removed.
- Do not plant near a growing crop of aphid-infested vegetables.
- Clear the field and surrounding area of aphid host plants.



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Adult and larva of green lacewing.

acre) soon after plants come up. Fertilize plants adequately throughout their growth.

- Irrigate during dry weather, if possible.
- Harvest the crop as soon as it is ready. Dispose of crop residue immediately.

Control With Insecticides

You should apply an insecticide as soon as it becomes evident that natural controls are not keeping the aphids in check. If experience has shown that infestations are seldom checked by their insect enemies, start applications before the aphids become abundant.

Selecting insecticides

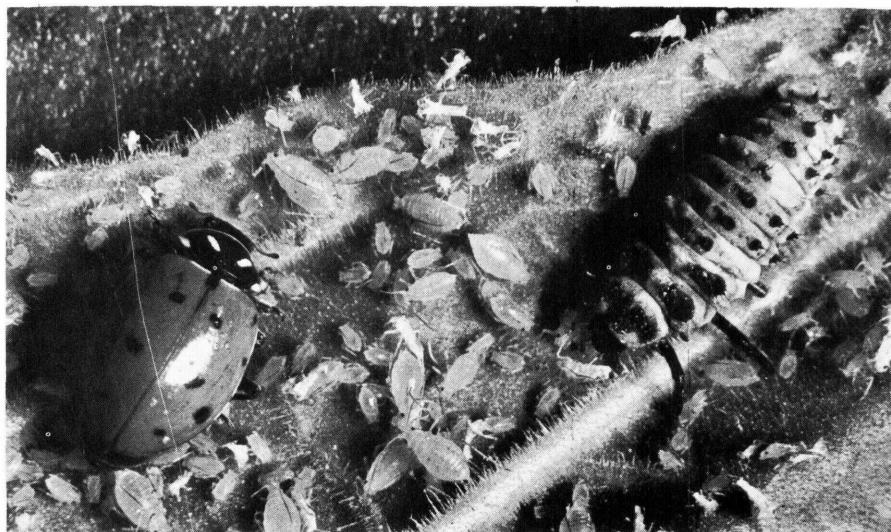
In selecting an insecticide, choose a material that (1) is approved for use on your particular crop, (2) can

be applied at the time needed without leaving a poisonous residue on the crop, and (3) can safely be applied with available equipment.

The accompanying table gives suitable insecticides for each crop, and tells how they can be applied and the time that should be allowed between the last application and harvest.

Following are general comments on the effectiveness of the insecticides recommended for use against aphids:

Demeton is usually more effective against aphids than the other insecticides listed in the table. It can be used on broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, and lettuce, but is not approved for use on the other leafy vegetables. It can be used also in transplant water to protect young plants while they are becoming established in field rows. Properly applied, it kills almost all aphids present. It is ab-



Adult and larva of lady beetle, feeding on aphids. (Courtesy of Clemson Agricultural College, South Carolina.)

Formulations and dosages of insecticides to use for controlling

aphids on leafy vegetables

BEETS (TOPS)

Insecticide	Active ingredient per acre ¹	Dusts	Sprays ²		Minimum interval between last application and harvest ⁴
		Strength 20 to 25 pounds per acre	Most common formulations ³	Quantity per acre in 20 to 100 gallons of water	
Diazinon . .	0.4 to 0.5	2	{ 50% WP 4 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 3/4 to 1 pound 3/4 to 1 pint	Days 14
Malathion . .	1 to 1.25	5	{ 25% WP 5 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 4 to 5 pounds 1 1/2 to 2 pints	7
Mevinphos . .	0.4 to 0.5	2	{ 10% WP 2 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 4 to 5 pounds 1 1/2 to 2 pints	3
Parathion . .	0.4 to 0.5	2	{ 25% WP 4 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 1 1/2 to 2 pounds 3/4 to 1 pint	21

BROCCOLI, CABBAGE, CAULIFLOWER

Demeton . .	0.25 to 0.5	.....	2 pounds per gallon, EC	1 to 2 pints	21
Diazinon . .	{ 0.4 to 1 0.4 to 0.5	{ 2 to 4	{ 50% WP 4 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 3/4 to 1 pound 3/4 to 1 pint	{ 5 (cauliflower); 7 (broccoli, cabbage)
Malathion . .	1 to 1.25	5	25% WP 5 pounds per gallon, EC	4 to 5 pounds 1 1/2 to 2 pints	3 (broccoli); 7 (cabbage, cauliflower)
Mevinphos . .	0.4 to 0.5	2	{ 10% WP 2 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 4 to 5 pounds 1 1/2 to 2 pints	{ 1 (broccoli, cabbage); 3 (cauliflower)
Parathion . .	0.4 to 0.5	2	{ 25% WP 4 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 1 1/2 to 2 pounds 3/4 to 1 pint	{ 7 (broccoli, cauliflower); 10 (cabbage)

BRUSSELS SPROUTS

Demeton . .	0.25 to 0.5	.....	2 pounds per gallon, EC	1 to 2 pints	21
Malathion . .	1 to 1.25	5	{ 25% WP 5 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 4 to 5 pounds 1 1/2 to 2 pints	7
Mevinphos . .	0.4 to 0.5	2	{ 10% WP 2 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 4 to 5 pounds 1 1/2 to 2 pints	3
Parathion . .	0.4 to 0.5	2	{ 25% WP 4 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 1 1/2 to 2 pounds 3/4 to 1 pint	15

CELERY

Demeton . .	0.25 to 0.5	.....	2 pounds per gallon, EC	1 to 2 pints	28
Diazinon . .	0.4 to 0.5	2	{ 50% WP 4 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 3/4 to 1 pound 3/4 to 1 pint	7
Malathion . .	1 to 1.25	5	{ 25% WP 5 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 4 to 5 pounds 1 1/2 to 2 pints	7
Mevinphos . .	0.4 to 0.5	2	{ 10% WP 2 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 4 to 5 pounds 1 1/2 to 2 pints	3
Parathion . .	0.4 to 0.5	2	{ 25% WP 4 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 1 1/2 to 2 pounds 3/4 to 1 pint	21

See footnotes at end of table.

Formulations and dosages of insecticides to use for controlling aphids on leafy vegetables—Continued

CHARD, ENDIVE

Insecticide	Active ingredient per acre ¹	Dusts	Sprays ²		Minimum interval between last application and harvest ³
		Strength at 20 to 25 pounds per acre	Most common formulations ³	Quantity per acre in 20 to 100 gallons of water	
Diazinon . .	0.4 to 0.5	2	{ 50% WP 4 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 3/4 to 1 pound 3/4 to 1 pint	{ 12 (chard); 10 (endive)
Malathion . .	1 to 1.25	5	{ 25% WP 5 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 4 to 5 pounds 1 1/2 to 2 pints	7
Parathion . .	0.4 to 0.5	2	{ 25% WP 4 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 1 1/2 to 2 pounds 3/4 to 1 pint	21

COLLARDS, KALE, TURNIP (TOPS)

Diazinon . .	{ 0.4 to 1 0.4 to 0.5	2 to 4	{ 50% WP 4 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 3/4 to 1 pound 3/4 to 1 pint	10
Malathion . .	1 to 1.25	5	{ 25% WP 5 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 4 to 5 pounds 1 1/2 to 2 pints	{ 7 (collards, k. 10 (turnip)
Mevinphos . .	0.4 to 0.5	2	{ 10% WP 2 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 4 to 5 pounds 1 1/2 to 2 pints	?
Parathion . .	0.4 to 0.5	2	{ 25% WP 4 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 1 to 1 1/2 pounds 3/4 to 1 pint	15

DANDELION, WATERCRESS

Malathion . .	1 to 1.25	5	{ 25% WP 5 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 4 to 5 pounds 1 1/2 to 2 pints	7
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LETTUCE

Demeton . .	0.25 to 0.5	2 pounds per gallon, EC	1 to 2 pints	21
Diazinon . .	0.4 to 0.5	2	{ 50% WP 4 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 3/4 to 1 pound 3/4 to 1 pint	10
Malathion . .	1 to 1.25	5	{ 25% WP 5 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 4 to 5 pounds 1 1/2 to 2 pints	{ 14 (leaf lettuce); 7 (head lettuce)
Mevinphos . .	0.4 to 0.5	2	{ 10% WP 2 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 4 to 5 pounds 1 1/2 to 2 pints	3
Parathion . .	0.4 to 0.5	2	{ 25% WP 4 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 1 1/2 to 2 pounds 3/4 to 1 pint	{ 21 (leaf lettuce); 15 (head lettuce)

See footnotes at end of table.

Formulations and dosages of insecticides to use for controlling aphids on leafy vegetables—Continued

MUSTARD GREENS

Insecticide	Active ingredient per acre ¹	Dusts	Sprays ²		Minimum interval between last application and harvest ⁴
		Strength at 20 to 25 pounds per acre	Most common formulations ³	Quantity per acre in 20 to 100 gallons of water	
	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Percent</u>			<u>Days</u>
Malathion . .	1 to 1.25	5	{ 25% WP 5 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 4 to 5 pounds 1½ to 2 pints	{ 7
Mevinphos . .	0.4 to 0.5	2	{ 10% WP 2 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 4 to 5 pounds 1½ to 2 pints	{ 3
Parathion . .	0.4 to 0.5	2	{ 25% WP 4 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 1½ to 2 pounds ¾ to 1 pint	{ 15

PARSLEY

Diazinon . .	0.4 to 0.5	2	{ 50% WP 4 pounds per gallon, EC	{ ¾ to 1 pound ¾ to 1 pint	{ 12
Malathion . .	1 to 1.25	5	{ 25% WP 5 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 4 to 5 pounds 1½ to 2 pints	{ 7

SPINACH

Diazinon . .	0.4 to 0.5	2	{ 50% WP 4 pounds per gallon, EC	{ ¾ to 1 pound ¾ to 1 pint	{ 14
Malathion . .	1 to 1.25	5	{ 25% WP 5 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 4 to 5 pounds 1½ to 2 pints	{ 7
Mevinphos . .	0.4 to 0.5	2	{ 10% WP 2 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 4 to 5 pounds 1½ to 2 pints	{ 4
Parathion . .	0.4 to 0.5	2	{ 25% WP 4 pounds per gallon, EC	{ 1½ to 2 pounds ¾ to 1 pint	{ 14

¹ Use maximum dosage for plant-bed application.

² To obtain adequate coverage, you may have to add a wetting or sticking agent. In using such additives, follow directions of the manufacturer.

³ WP=wettable powder; EC=emulsifiable concentrate. Products on the market contain various percentages of actual insecticide. If you buy a product in which the percentage differs from that called for in this table, mix proportionately more or less of it with water.

⁴ Parathion is not effective at low temperatures. If maximum daily temperatures below 70° F. persist after parathion application, you should wait at least an extra week before harvest (over and above the waiting period specified here) or have a chemist check to make sure the residue is below the tolerance of 1.0 p.p.m. If you fail to control the insects at low temperatures, use another insecticide. Do not repeat the parathion application.



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Field of mustard, severely injured by the turnip aphid.

sorbed by plants, and gives protection longer than most of the other insecticides.

Diazinon is as effective as parathion or malathion against cabbage and turnip aphids. It kills other harmful insects, including the imported cabbageworm and the larva of the diamondback moth.

Disulfoton (Di-Syston) is absorbed from the soil through the roots of plants and deposited in the foliage. This makes the foliage toxic to aphids for a considerable period of time. Because it works from within the plant, disulfoton is probably less injurious to natural enemies of aphids than the other insecticides. It should be applied only at planting time.

Malathion can be used on all leafy vegetables. It is considered to be the safest of the insecticides listed. However, it is not as effective as the other insecticides and cannot be depended on to control the cabbage aphid. Its use will intensify smog damage to table beets, spinach, and certain types of leaf lettuce.

Mevinphos is especially useful in controlling aphids, caterpillars (including the cabbage looper), and some other insects on most kinds of leafy vegetables when an application is needed 2 or 3 days before harvest. It is as effective as parathion—more so in some cases, because it usually gives better control of aphids that are hard to reach on the plants.

Parathion can be used against aphids on commercial plantings of most leafy vegetables. It is also at least moderately effective against most of the caterpillars (including the cabbage looper) and other insect pests of leafy vegetables. Therefore it is especially useful when other insects are present with aphids.

A bad feature of parathion is that it kills many insect enemies of aphids. As a result, aphids multiply rapidly, and frequent applications may be necessary.

Applying insecticides to the foliage

Apply insecticides to the foliage of plants by either spraying or dusting—or add demeton to the transplant water.

Spray or dust during calm, warm weather. Cover plants thoroughly; be sure the insecticide reaches aphids on the undersides of leaves, and inside folded leaves and buds.

Spraying.—Spray with demeton, diazinon, malathion, parathion, or mevinphos. Each of these is available as an emulsifiable concentrate

or wettable powder. Mix with water as directed in the table.

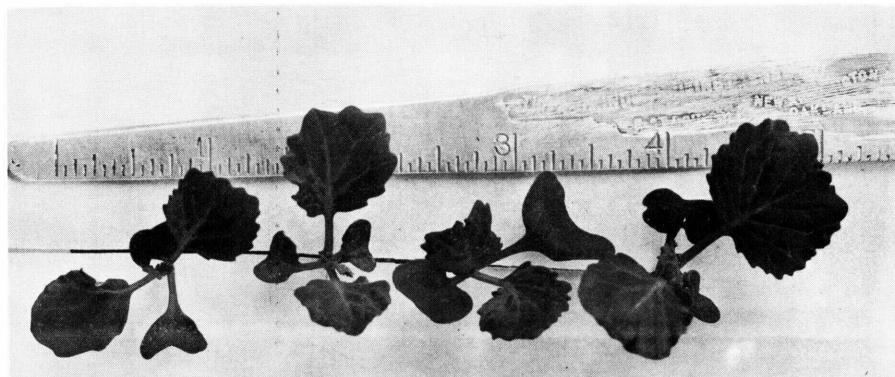
Use 20 to 100 gallons of mixed spray per acre. Maximum amounts of insecticide are needed when plants are large or the infestation is heavy.

Sprays should be used as soon as possible after they are mixed.

Dusting.—Dust with malathion, mevinphos, diazinon, or parathion. The dusts are ready to use when purchased.

Apply dusts when plants are moist but not wet. If possible, select a time when humidity is high and there is little wind. These conditions exist most often after sunset and early in the morning. Effective dusting can be done at night, with the aid of hand-held lights or lights mounted on the equipment. Early morning dusting is satisfactory unless the plants are so heavy with dew that the dust runs off the leaves.

If wind velocity exceeds 3 miles an hour, cover nozzles of the duster with a cloth or plastic apron. Allow apron to trail 15 to 25 feet behind the duster.



TC-7058

Insecticides are often needed to protect young plants against aphids, especially the turnip aphid, soon after the first true (crinkled) leaves appear. Plants shown above are at that stage of growth.

USING INSECTICIDE IN TRANSPLANT WATER

Spray or dust infested plants with insecticide before pulling them for transplanting.

Add demeton to the transplant water. Demeton is absorbed by young plants, and protects them while they are becoming established in field rows.

Use an emulsifiable concentrate containing 2 pounds of demeton per gallon. Add 7 fluid ounces of the concentrate to each 100 gallons of water. Use at least $\frac{1}{2}$ cupful of this mixture for each plant.

About 450 gallons of transplant water will be required for each acre when about 14,500 plants are transplanted. This is the number of plants per acre when they are set 1 foot apart in 3-foot rows.

Use 20 to 25 pounds of dust per acre.

When to apply.—The best time to apply an insecticide to foliage varies in different localities. For information about your area, consult your county agricultural agent, State extension entomologist, or State agricultural college.

Generally, you should start looking for aphid infestation in the early stages of plant growth. Examine plants in various parts of the field. If you find only a few aphids, examine plants every few days. If aphids begin to increase rapidly, apply an insecticide before they become abundant.

Time the applications so crops will be free of aphids when ready for harvest. Presence of aphids on

a marketed crop, such as spinach, greatly reduces the crop's value.

Do not apply an insecticide too close to harvesttime. If you do, a poisonous residue may remain on edible parts of the crop. Crops having such residues may not be shipped across State lines. The table lists, for each crop and each insecticide, the minimum time that should elapse between application and harvest.

Applying insecticides to soil

Disulfoton granules may be mixed into the soil of plant beds or field rows of broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, or spinach before planting. This will protect the crop from aphids during the early stages of growth and often eliminate the need for control measures later in the season. Use 10 pounds of 10-percent disulfoton granules per acre. Put it where the early developing roots will quickly contact it. In plant beds broadcast the insecticide and mix into the top 2 to 3 inches of soil. In field rows apply only to the center portion of the rows before planting.

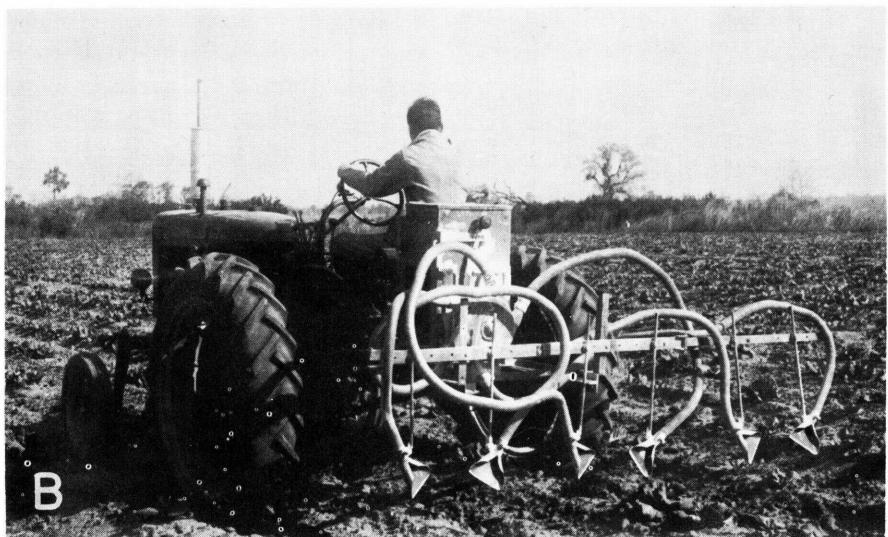
Do not make more than 1 application of disulfoton to broccoli or cabbage, or more than 2 applications to brussels sprouts or cauliflower. Do not apply disulfoton to broccoli within 14 days, or brussels sprouts within 30 days, or cauliflower within 40 days, or cabbage within 42 days, or lettuce within 60 days before harvest.

PRECAUTIONS

Insecticides are poisonous to man and animals. Use them only when needed and handle them with care.



A



B

TC-7316, TC-7315

Tractor-mounted dust machine suitable for applying an insecticide dust for control of aphids: A, With cloth hood over outlet nozzles to reduce drift of dust (addition of a cloth plastic apron that trails 15 to 25 feet behind the hood is usually of further value); B, same machine without cloth hood.

Follow the directions and heed all precautions on the labels.

Keep insecticides in closed, well-labeled containers in a dry place. Store them where they will not contaminate food or feed, and where children and animals cannot reach them.

When handling an insecticide, wear clean, dry clothing.

Avoid repeated or prolonged contact of insecticide with your skin.

Wear protective clothing and equipment if specified on the container label. Avoid prolonged inhalation of insecticide dusts or mists.

Avoid spilling insecticide concentrate on your skin, and keep it out of your eyes, nose, and mouth. If you spill any on your skin, wash it off immediately with soap and water. If you spill it on your clothing, launder the clothing before wearing it again.

After handling an insecticide, do not eat, drink, or smoke until you have washed your hands and face. Wash your hands and face and any other exposed skin immediately after applying insecticide.

To protect water resources, fish, and wildlife, do not contaminate lakes, streams, or ponds with insecticide. Do not clean spraying equipment or dump excess spray material near such water.

To protect honey bees and other pollinating insects that are necessary in the production of many crops, apply insecticide, when possible, during hours when the insects are not visiting the plants.

Avoid drift of insecticide to nearby bee yards, crops, or livestock.

Dispose of empty insecticide containers, at a sanitary land-fill dump, or bury them at least 18 inches deep

in a level, isolated place where they will not contaminate water supplies. City gardeners who have trash-collection service should wrap small containers in heavy layers of newspapers and place them in the trash can.

Malathion can be used safely without special protective clothing or devices if it is in diluted dust or water-spray form. However, malathion concentrates require special precautions.

Diazinon can be absorbed directly through the skin in harmful quantities. When working with this insecticide in any form, use extra care.

Demeton, disulfoton, mevinphos, and parathion, are extremely poisonous and may be fatal if swallowed, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin. They should be applied only by a person who is thoroughly familiar with their hazards and who will assume full responsibility for safe use and comply with all precautions on the labels. Reduce the danger of skin exposure to these insecticides by wearing recommended protective clothing and equipment. Wear a respirator or mask of a type that has been tested and found to be satisfactory for protection against the particular insecticides you are using.

Wear clean, dry, cotton gloves if you transplant or handle plants within 5 days after treatment with demeton, disulfoton, or parathion, or within 1 day after treatment with mevinphos.

Consult your county agent, extension entomologist, or State agricultural experiment station regarding regulations on the use of insecticides in your State.